

**WTS Minnesota Graduate Scholarship Application**

The WTS mission to build the transportation industry through the global advancement of women can be realized by encouraging women to further their careers as leaders in transportation. WTS recognizes that transportation is more than simply moving people and goods from one place to another. It is a driver of growth and an integral part of communities throughout the world. Through this scholarship, WTS seeks to motivate and reward women pursing graduate studies who demonstrate leadership in the industry to bring ideas, innovation, and new approaches to transportation challenges in the US and beyond.

The scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation involvement and goals, job skills and academic record. We encourage applicants of varying backgrounds and experiences to apply. Applications must be submitted as 1 PDF and are due [via this google form](https://forms.gle/D8hYwHwoGSzm8jbd8) by **Friday, January 3, 2025** at 5 pm.

**The WTS Minnesota Graduate Scholarship is $2,000.**

Questions? Contact Emily Bowen at [emily.bowen@hennepin.us](mailto:emily.bowen@hennepin.us?subject=WTS-MN%20Graduate%20Scholarship)

Application minimum criteria:

1. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
2. Currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, finance, or logistics.
3. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.

Application will be scored based on:

1. Leadership achievements especially related to transportation.
2. Commitment to transportation as demonstrated by extra-curricular activities and/or work experience.
3. Written essay/Writing skills – Lived experience and applicant background are taken into consideration for the scoring of this application.
4. Recommendations

Required application attachments:

1. Application form
2. Official school transcript
3. Employment history and work experience (a current resume is sufficient)
4. Letter of recommendation\*

\*The recipient of this scholarship will be asked to provide an additional letter of recommendation to be eligible for the WTS Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship.

1. Personal statement
2. Proof of enrollment

**WTS-MN Graduate Scholarship Application Form**

## Personal Information

Name Last First Middle

E-mail Address

Primary Phone Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

## Educational Background

Current College/University \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Degree to be Received \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Area of Concentration Grade Point Average

(Minimum GPA of 3.0 required. Attach official copy of transcript to application.)

Previous Colleges/Universities Attended, Date Degree Earned and GPA:

Professional or School Affiliations (List any school, professional or community activities you have participated in. Include offices held and awards received. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, in PDF format.)

1. **Employment History and Work Experience:** List full-time, part-time, co-op and summer employment. (a current resume is sufficient) Please attach this information as part of the application PDF.
2. **Recommendation**: One letter of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application. Please attach this letter as part of the application PDF.

**V. Personal Statement**: A statement about your career goals after graduation and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Applicants are encouraged to discuss how their lived experience has impacted their decision to pursue a career in transportation. Statement should not exceed 500 words. Please include your personal statement as part of the application PDF.

1. **Proof of Enrollment**: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.
2. **Demographic Information:** This information will be seen by the scholarship review committee and will be a consideration in determining the scholarship recipient.
3. **Race/Ethnicity (select all that apply)**

Asian

Black

East Indian

Hispanic/Latino

Indigenous

Middle Eastern

Multiracial

Pacific Islander

White

Other (please write in)

Choose not to disclose

1. **Age**

15-18

19-23

24-30

31-50

50+

1. **Gender**

Woman

Non-Binary

Man

Other gender or prefer to self-describe (please describe)  \_\_\_\_ \_\_

Choose not to disclose.

1. **How do you describe your disability/ability status? Select all that apply. We are interested in this identification regardless of whether you identify as being disabled.**

A vision impairment

A hearing impairment

A learning disability (such as ADHD or dyslexia)

A developmental disability

A mobility impairment

A mental health disability

A disability not listed above (Please describe your specific disability/ability status) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I do not identify as having a disability or impairment.

1. **Anticipated or Current Mode of Transportation Career Focus (select all that apply)**

Aviation

Freight

Highway/Auto

Maritime/Port

Multi-modal

Non-Motorized

Passenger

Transit

Other (please write in) \_\_\_\_ \_\_

1. **How did you hear about this scholarship?**

Friend

School/Teacher

Social Media:

Facebook

Instagram

LinkedIn

Snapchat

TikTok

Twitter

YouTube

Other (please write in)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

WTS Chapter

WTS International Website

Other (please write in) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Scholarships will be paid directly to the winner.

Applicant Signature Date